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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

5 CLASSIFICATION

The present invention relates to a new Rosaceae plant.

VARIETY DENOMINATION

10 The new plant has the varietal denomination 'WHY NOT
CHERISE?'. .

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety
of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus Rosaceae which
was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2)
unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new
variety is 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'. .

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

20 Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new
variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I
am aware, is its dark orange-red flowers.

25 Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new
variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the
foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to
form and are established and transmitted through succeeding
propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

5 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the
flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as
nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a
color illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

5 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural conditions.

10 The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during the month of November budded on 'DR. HUEY' understock.

PLANT

15	Form:	Upright
	Growth:	Very vigorous
	Size:	Height about 5 feet; width about 3 feet
20	Foliage	
	Size:	Terminal leaflet length about 3 inches; width about 1 1/2 inches
25	Quantity:	Usually 5 leaflet leaves, occasional 7 leaflet leaves
	Color	
	New foliage:	Upper side near 146B; under side near 182C
30	Mature foliage:	Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C
	Shape:	Elliptic
	Texture	Upper side smooth, semi-glossy; under side matte
35	Edge:	Serrated

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	Serration:	Serrate
5	Petioles:	Top surface color near 146B; Under side near 147C
	Stipules:	Medium
	Auricle:	Small, slightly serrated
	Rachis:	Smooth

10 WOOD

	New shoots	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 46A
15	Old wood	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 137C
	Flowering stem:	Length about 18 inches
	Winter Hardiness:	Completely winter hardy
20	Resistance to Disease:	Fair
	Preferred growing conditions:	Full sun
	Growth habit:	Upright
25	Leaves per stem:	About 7
	Prickles/Thorns:	Dorsal shape, 1/4 to 3/16 inch length, near 145A

FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

30	Blooming Habit:	Continuous
	Bud	About 1 1/2 inches long, 1 3/8 inches wide
	Form:	High centered

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5 Color: Before sepals divide color
near 46B; when sepals first
divide color near 47B; when
petals begin to unfurl color
near 47D

10 Sepals: Usually 5 per bloom, length
about 1 inch, width about 1/8
inch, color near 143A,
usually about 3 extensions

 Size: Length in relation to bud
about 1 3/8 inches

15 Color Topside near 158A; bottom
near 147B

 Peduncle

 Length: About 4 1/2 inches, smooth

20 Strength: Erect

 Color: Near 139D

Flower

 Size: About 5 2/3 inches

 Borne: Single

25 Form: Very high centered

Petalage: About 42

 Petaloids in center: Few; between 3 to 4, color
near 57A

30 Persistence: Petals do not drop

Fragrance: Medium

Lasting Quality: About 3 weeks on plant; about
7 days after cutting

35 Color

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5 During first 2 days: Inner petals at flower center
topside near 46C; bottom near
46D; outer petals topside
near 47D, bottom near 48C

Base of petals
(Point of attachment): Near 2A

10 General tonality from a
distance: Near 57B

Color Change: Fades slightly; after 3 or
more days fades to near 49A

Petals

15 Texture: Thick

Shape: Oblong, 1 3/4 inch long,
1 1/2 inch wide

Arrangement: Imbricated

20 Appearance: Velvety front, satiny back

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Arrangement of stamens,
Filaments and Anthers: Regularly arranged around
styles, usually about 110
anthers and filaments

25 Color: Filaments near 48A; Anthers
near 48C

Pollen: No pollen

Styles: Medium length; color near 47C

30 Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries

Shape: Round

Size: Small; about 1/2 inch

Color: Near 140A

35 Seeds: No seeds

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I CLAIM:

5 A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant of the variety
substantially as shown and described.

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ABSTRACT

5 A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant variety with dark
orange-red flowers.

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